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Andy and Kristina

Ed Karecki (karecki.edward@epa.gov; 3-3202) is the Fish and Wildlife liaison to EPA-Superfund. He would be a good resource on the potential for fish impacts from the spill.

Ed- Andy Maguire and Kristina Behnke are EPA OSCs responding to a spill that may be impacting a waterway that discharges to Lake Michigan. Andy can provide more details, but the background is that a spill of chromic acid occurred at the US Steel site in Portage, IN today. The spill is discharging from an outfall into a channel that leads to Lake Michigan. The concentration of total chromium (predominantly hexavalent) in a water sample taken at the outfall early this afternoon was 2.5 mg/L. Additional sampling is being planned to further characterize the extent of the contamination. The nearest water intake is >2 miles away, so the response may be driven more by ecological impacts than human health risks. They can brief you with additional information as it becomes available.

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